

Appl. Serial No.: 10/535,156  
Amendment dated: December 23, 2009  
Reply to Office Action of Oct. 10, 2009

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Nepveu et al.	Customer Number:	25545
Docket No.:	760/11168.304	Confirmation No.	5760
Serial No.:	10/535,156	Group Art:	1643
Filing Date:	April 5, 2006	Examiner:	Alana M. Harris, Ph.D.
Title:	METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING THE PRESENCE OR STAGE OF CANCER		

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 9, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on January 9, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.